

# GOODS MOVEMENT TASK FORCE

## AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2006  
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

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### ITEM

#### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION

Hon. Art Brown  
City of Buena Park  
Chairperson

#### 2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Members of the public desiring to speak on an agenda item or items not on the agenda, but within the purview of this committee, must fill out a speaker's card prior to speaking and submit it to staff. A speaker's card must be turned in before the meeting is called to order. Comments will be limited to three minutes. The Chair may limit the total time for comments to twenty (20) minutes. When you are called to speak, please come forward and state your name for the record.

#### 3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

5 minutes

##### 3.1 Approval Items

3.1.1 Approval of June 21, 2006 minutes  
**Attachment 3.1.1**

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#### 4.0 ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Receive and File Goods Movement Task Force  
Agenda Outlook

Danny Wu,  
SCAG  
Sarah L. Catz,  
RTP Consultant  
20 minutes

**Recommended Action:** Receive and File Goods Movement Task Force Agenda Outlook, and Approve of New Meeting Schedule



## **5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

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| 5.1 | Schedule for 2008 RTP Update  | <b>Naresh Amatya,<br/>SCAG<br/>5 minutes</b>  |
| 5.2 | 2007 Draft AQMP   | <b>Peter Greenwald,<br/>Senior Policy<br/>Advisor, SCAQMD<br/>15 minutes</b>              |
| 5.3 | Presentation on the San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air<br>Action Plan                        | <b>Robert Kanter, Ph.D<br/>Director of Planning<br/>Port of Long Beach<br/>15 minutes</b> |
| 5.4 | Update on Multi-County Goods Movement<br>Action Plan Strategies and Outreach Activities | <b>Michelle Smith,<br/>Project Manager<br/>Metro<br/>15 minutes</b>                       |

## **6.0 STAFF REPORT**

## **7.0 COMMENT PERIOD**

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## **8.0 NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next Goods Movement Task Force meeting will be:

Wednesday, January 17, 2007  
9:30-11:30 am  
SCAG Offices  
San Bernardino A&B Conference Room

## **9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

Attendance of the June 21, 2006 GMTF Meeting  
(based on sign-in sheet)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Agency</b>
Hon. Steve Adams (via video conference)	City of Riverside
Hon. Harry Baldwin	City of San Gabriel
Hon. Lou Bone	City of Tustin
Hon. Todd Campbell	City of Burbank
Joanna Capelle	SCRRA
Sarah Catz	UC Irvine
Hon. Lawrence Dale (via video conference)	City of Barstow
Hon. Gene Daniels	City of Paramount
Carl Farrington	South Coast Interfaith Council
Hon. Frank Garule	City of Cudahy
Ron Guss	California Trucking Association
Andrea Hricko	USC
Hon. Bonnie Lowenthal	City of Long Beach
Jesse Marquez	Coalition for a Safe Environment
Diane Morales (via video conference)	Caltrans District 8
Eileen Schoetzow	LAWA
Hon. Don Szerlip	City of Redondo Beach
Mary Travis (via teleconference)	VCTC
Hon. Tonia Reyes Uranga	City of Long Beach
Kathleen Wanda	Caltrans District 7
Dan Smith	Tioga Group
Sue Lieu	SCAQMD
Cynthia Martin	ARB
Michelle Smith	Metro
Bill Jones	USEPA
Susan Bok	LADOT
Gregory Nord	OCTA
Karen Heit	Gateway Cities COG
Pilar Hoyos	LA Chamber of Commerce

**SCAG Staff**

Philbert Wong  
Nancy Pfeffer  
Jonathan Nadler  
Faith Truax

**GOODS MOVEMENT TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2006**

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Hon. Gene Daniels, City of Paramount, called the meeting to order. A list of those in attendance is included in the minutes. Self introductions were made.

**2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public comments.

**3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

**3.1 Approval Items**

**2.1.1 Approval of the May 17, 2006 Minutes**

Motion to approve the May 17, 2006 Goods Movement Task Force minutes was seconded and accepted with two abstentions.

**4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

**4.1 Emission Reduction Plan for Ports and Goods Movement in California**

Cynthia Marvin, Assistant Division Chief, California Air Resources Board, presented this item.

Ms. Marvin described her role in the goods movement arena. She focused much of her discussion on concerns in the port region of Southern California and balanced her discussion with the region's desire for economic growth.

The Air Resources Board developed the emission reduction plan for ports and goods movement in response to the community health concern for people who live near the ports, railyards, and high traffic corridors and distribution centers. The region needs to keep working vigilantly to reduce emissions in order to meet air quality standards. Many of the pollution sources involving goods movement are diesel.

The ARB board has adopted a goal of an 85% risk reduction in diesel PM by 2020.

The Business, Transportation, and Housing Agency and the California EPA have been working together to develop a goods movement action plan that joins transportation, environmental, safety, infrastructure, and other improvements that need to be made. Health impacts from goods movement today are quite significant. In the South Coast alone, ARB estimates that there are roughly 400 cases of premature death each year that result from current goods movement emissions. If action is not taken, those numbers will only increase in the future. The key emission sources focused on in this plan are trucks, locomotives, ships, harbor craft, and cargo handling equipment at ports and railway yards.

ARB provided an estimate for purposes of projecting emissions. In 2005, most of the diesel PM and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions came from truck activity throughout the basin. By 2020, there will be a slight reduction in diesel PM under the existing situation with no new strategies, but almost all of those emissions shift over and are expected to come from ships. Trucks and locomotives still account for a significant portion, but ships are projected to become the dominate emissions source by 2020.

The ARB board approved the goals of this plan in April 2006. ARB was instructed by the board to work quickly on this emission reduction plan, report back in the fall of this year and then every six months, thereafter.

The goal is to have statewide emissions equivalent to 2001 or lower levels by 2010. The next goal is the big health risk goal by 2020 to cut the total statewide diesel PM risk from goods movement by 85%.

Other goods movement improvements the ARB will strive for in the future is to reduce the localized health risk near goods movement facilities. There are about 50 emission reduction strategies that are described in the plan. Fleet modernization for diesel engines, replacing or upgrading older engines, reducing ship speeds, and limiting idling for trucks and locomotives are all elements that will help reduce pollution in the region.

Ms. Marvin confirmed that fleet modernization applies to ships, as well as trucks. Concern was raised over ships that ARB may have little control over. ARB has already acted to require lower sulfur fuels in the auxiliary engines on ships. Shore power and cold ironing are other issues that are discussed that can reduce emissions.

ARB's MOU public participation requirements are discussed. One participant describes Union Pacific's community meetings as too technical for the average citizen.

#### **4.2 Update on Inland Port Feasibility Study**

Dan Smith of the Tioga Group presented on this topic. At the end of June, the Tioga Group will deliver a draft Task 1 report that focuses on case studies and overall concepts.

The overall notion of an inland port is that it should be one of a suite of tools that the region can use to make goods movement more efficient, reduce congestion, reduce emissions, and essentially do the business that would normally occur in a port.

Mr. Smith provides examples that he will include as part of his case study research. There are over 40 different facilities that have some claim to being an inland port. However, they vary widely in terms of their purpose and scope. The next steps for this project includes an analysis of the cost/benefit of potential inland port concepts and an evaluation of potential sites that could be developed into an inland port.

#### **4.3 Update on Multi-county Goods Movement Action Plan**

Michelle Smith of Metro presented this topic. This presentation is similar to one given to Senator Feinstein's staff Friday, June 16, 2006.

Metro is the lead agency on this study that began in 2005. Since the project requires full regional participation, SANDAG will be joining this coalition. Ms. Smith noted that environmental and community impacts were discussed with community members in Long Beach at the May Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting. At that meeting residents stated that they want existing problems fixed before looking at something new. Economic impacts will be discussed at the next Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting on July 26, 2006. Ms. Smith noted that there is a survey form available at [www.metro.net/mcgmap](http://www.metro.net/mcgmap) and encouraged the group to complete the survey if they have not already done so. In addition, there will be a second round of surveys. Ms. Smith also noted that \$200,000 has been granted from Caltrans specifically to study goods movement environmental justice issues.

## **5.0    STAFF REPORT**

Ms. Pfeffer provided the staff report. She reported on the following items:

- SCAG and other major goods movement stakeholders participated in meeting with Senator Feinstein's staff Friday, June 16, 2006. This meeting was intended to hear the actions that various goods movement entities want accomplished.
- Secretary Norman Mineta is interested in coming to Southern California to convene a goods movement related meeting in the month of August.
- Nancy Pfeffer announced this would be her last GMTF meeting because she is leaving SCAG to start her own consulting company.

## **6.0    COMMENT PERIOD**

There was a consensus that the recently adopted brief minutes format for this task force meeting are not adequate. Commentary seems to be an extremely important component of the minutes report and those in attendance want to see the minutes returned to their old form. Staff will follow up on this request. There was a motion to return the meeting's minutes to its previous format.

## **7.0    NEXT MEETING**

The next regular GMTF meeting will be:  
Wednesday, August 16, 2006  
9-11am, SCAG offices, San Bernardino A&B Conference Room

## **8.0    ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11 a.m.

# SCAG Goods Movement Task Force

## Agenda Outlook

Attachment 1

(Last updated: 11/7/2006)

Nov. 15, 2006	Dec. 20, 2006	Jan. 17, 2007
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Receive &amp; File GMTF Agenda Outlook</li> <li>2. Schedule for 2008 RTP Update</li> <li>3. 2007 Draft AQMP</li> <li>4. Presentation on SPB Ports CAAP</li> <li>5. Update on MCGMAP Strategies &amp; Outreach Activities</li> </ol>	<p>Month Off or Special Meeting/Workshop</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Heavy-Duty Truck Model Update</li> <li>2. MCGMAP Infrastructure &amp; Mitigation Strategies Update</li> <li>3. Subregional Studies</li> <li>4. Inland Port Feasibility Cost/Benefit Analysis</li> <li>5. Env. Mitigation for Goods Movement Prioritized Strategies</li> <li>6. Port &amp; Modal Elasticity Study Ph II Outreach Status</li> <li>7. Other Items</li> </ol>
Feb. 21, 2007	Mar. 21, 2007	April 18, 2007
<p>Month Off or Special Meeting/Workshop</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. MCGMAP Draft Action Plan</li> <li>2. I-710 EIR/EIS Overview</li> <li>3. SPBP ACTTEC Study Overview</li> <li>4. SCAG Alt. Freight Transport Tech Study Overview</li> <li>5. Update of Regional Strategy</li> <li>6. Other Items</li> </ol>	<p>Month Off or Special Meeting/Workshop</p>
May 16, 2007	June 20, 2007	July 18, 2007
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Update of Regional Strategy</li> <li>2. Inland Port Feasibility and Potential Site Locations</li> <li>3. Env. Mitigation for Goods Movement Draft Action Plan</li> <li>4. Port &amp; Modal Elasticity Study Ph II Short-Run Model Update</li> <li>5. Other Items</li> </ol>	<p>Month Off or Special Meeting/Workshop</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Draft Regional Strategy Document</li> <li>2. Final Env. Mitigation for Goods Movement Action Plan</li> <li>3. SPBP ACTTEC Study Update</li> <li>4. SCAG Alt. Freight Transport Tech Study Update</li> <li>5. Other Items</li> </ol>



**DATE:** November 15, 2006

**TO:** Goods Movement Task Force

**FROM:** Danny Wu, Program Manager for Goods Movement, 213-236-1930,  
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**SUBJECT:** Goods Movement Task Force Agenda Outlook

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Receive and File Goods Movement Task Force Agenda Outlook, and approve of new meeting schedule.

**SUMMARY:**

SCAG is in the midst of gearing up for the 2008 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Development process. In order to focus the activities of the Goods Movement Task Force on helping staff identify and refine the appropriate regional strategy for goods movement to be incorporated into the 2008 RTP Update, staff has laid out a series of agenda items that it expects to bring before the Task Force over the next 9-months (see Attachment 1 - Agenda Outlook). The agenda items are based on major goods movement related planning studies underway in the region and key milestones identified out of each study that warrant some level of review or consideration by the GMTF. The Agenda Outlook will be updated periodically to allow for additions or deletions to the agenda, but it does provide some indication as to what future agenda items will be covered.

Additionally, in order to reduce the number of meetings that occur across the region, staff is recommending that the Task Force convene on a bi-monthly basis beginning this month and to hold future meetings starting at 9:30 to 11:30 AM to accommodate those who take Metrolink into Downtown Los Angeles. Staff recommends reserving those off months for anticipated RTP workshops or special meetings.

**BACKGROUND:**

The GMTF was established by SCAG to serve in an advisory capacity to both staff and SCAG's Policy Committees in helping develop policy recommendations and strategies that will ensure the safe, reliable and efficient movement of goods within and through the Southern California region. Through effective coordination and consensus-building, the Task Force promotes involvement of public and private stakeholders, understanding of the costs and benefits of goods movement, as well as collaboration in developing initiatives for infrastructure improvements, requisite environmental mitigations, and the financial strategies to pay for them. Its' primary task has been the identification and refinement of a consensus list of regional goods movement projects for incorporation into the RTP.

Over the last year, however, there has been a noticeable decline in the level of attendance and participation on the GMTF. It has simply become a forum for presentations, covering the entire gamut of goods movement issues rather than focusing on agenda items that help lead to the identification and refinement of a regional strategy for goods movement. Therefore, to refocus the activities of the Task Force staff has laid out a series of future agenda items centered around various study milestones expected to be complete in the coming year. Staff has also retained Sarah L. Catz, a member of the RTP consultant team, to help develop a process for providing input into the 2008 RTP and to facilitate future Task Force meetings. Lastly, staff is proposing that the Task Force meet on a bi-monthly basis instead of monthly, to reduce the number of meetings for members and to allow for anticipated RTP workshops.